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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica; Extension of Comment Period.

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is extending the deadline for submitting comments and written testimony on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published September 12, 2013 (78 FR 56274), extended on [October 31, 2013 \(78 FR 65242\)](#), is further extended. Comments and written testimony on the NPRM must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments and written testimony. You may submit comments and written testimony, identified by Docket No. OSHA-2010-0034, by any of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit comments and written testimony along with attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Click on the "COMMENT NOW!" box next to the title "Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica; Extension of Comment Period," and follow the instructions on-line for making electronic submissions.

Fax: If your submissions, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: You may submit your comments and written testimony to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2010-0034, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, or courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., E.T.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2010-0034). All comments and written testimony, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates. Because of security-related procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of your submissions. For information about security-related procedures for submitting materials by express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office. For additional information on submitting comments and written hearing testimony, see Section XV of the NPRM preamble, Public Participation (78 FR 56274, 56440-56442; September 12, 2013).

Docket: To read or download comments and written testimony submitted in response to this Federal Register notice, go to Docket No. OSHA-2010-0034 at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All comments and submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking on September 12, 2013, for occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica (78 FR 56274).

This notice requested comments and written testimony by December 11, 2013 and established the public hearing to commence on March 4, 2014. OSHA subsequently extended the deadline for submitting comments and written testimony to January 27, 2014; and the commencement of the hearings to now begin March 18, 2014 (78 FR 65242). OSHA is now extending the deadline

for submitting comments and written testimony until February 11, 2014. The date for commencement of the hearings remains March 18.

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